



Ready to Lead

For new center directors

Develop Your Leadership Essentials.

Ready to Lead is designed for center directors new to the administrator role (less than 5 years of director experience). Attendees will delve into topics that identify their leadership strengths, engage in interactive learning activities, and fine-tune strategies for dealing with real-life challenges experienced by new directors. Content is aligned with the Illinois Director Credential and Illinois Gateways to Opportunity.

Session Topics:

Session 1	Orientation and Forming a Professional Learning Community
Session 2	New Role, New Relationships: Learning to Lead
Session 3	From the Inside Out: The Power of Reflection and Self-Awareness
Session 4	Leadership in Action: How Effective Directors Get Things Done
Session 5	Professional Development Coaching

A blended event of virtual and in-person sessions.



Ready to Lead (RTL) includes:

- One, two and a half hour virtual orientation (a working computer with Internet accessibility and audio and video capability is required)
- Three, full-day in-person sessions (lunch included)
- 22 contact hours of Illinois Gateways to Opportunity approved professional development
- Books, handouts, and materials

Additional Opportunities:

- Work toward Illinois Director Credential credits through participation in AIM4Exellence™ online modules.
- Select up to three modules at no additional cost
- Specific modules can be bundled for five undergraduate college course credit hours from NLU for an additional course tuition charge

\$175 registration fee for Illinois administrators. Out-of-state administrators, please contact MIEC.LA@nl.edu



TWO Professional Learning Communities:

RTL 14 - Lisle, IL

National Louis University Campus
850 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL 60532

Session 1 | Virtual | 9/8/26 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Session 2 | In-person | 9/10/26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 3 | In-person | 10/8/26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 4 | In-person | 11/12/26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
PD Coaching | Virtual | 12/1/26 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

RTL 15 - Bloomington, IL

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1228 Towanda Plaza 2nd floor, Bloomington, IL 61701

Session 1 | Virtual | 9/15/26 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Session 2 | In-person | 9/17/26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 3 | In-person | 10/22/26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Session 4 | In-person | 11/19/26 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
PD Coaching | Virtual | 12/2/26 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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